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NOTES IN SEASON.

BRENTANO BROS. have just published in pamphlet form "The Political Biography of the Hon. Sylvester MacFinnigan, a Man of High Renown," illustrated by Bellew and Chip.

CHAS. H. WHITING has just published "Our Unjust Tariff Laws: A Plain Statement about High Taxes," by Henry Loomis Nelson, with an introductory letter by Hon. J. G. Carlisle.

FUNK & WAGNALLS have ready in their Standard Library, Edgar Fawcett's new novel, "Rutherford." It treats both of life among the fashionable circles of New York and among the lowly.

WILLIAM S. GOTTSBERGER will issue at once, "The Amazon," an art novel by Carl Vosmaer, from the Dutch by E. J. Irving, with frontispiece by Alma Tadema, R.A., and preface by Georg Ebers.

D. APPLETON & Co. have just ready "Life on a Ranch," by Reginald Aldridge; "Reforms, Their Difficulties and Possibilities," by the author of "Conflict in Nature and Life;" and "Handbook for Horsewomen," by H. L. De Bussigny.

W. B. CLARKE & CARRUTH have just published "Women Under the Laws of Massachusetts: Their Rights, Privileges, Disabilities," by Harry H. Sprague, a work defining the position reached and now occupied by women, so far as it differs from that of men.

LEE & SHEPARD have just issued "John Thorn's Folks," a novel of Western life, by Angeline Teal. They also call attention to two important works they have recently published: "The Co-operative Commonwealth," by Laurence Groulund, and "The Development Theory," by Prof. J. V. Bergen, Jr., and Fanny Bergen.

FORDS, HOWARD & HULBERT have just published "The Democratic Party, its Political History and Influence," by J. Harris Patton. This and George S. Boutwell's work, "Why I am a Republican, a History of the Republican Party, a Defence of its Policy, and the Reasons which Justify its Continuance in Power," just published by William J. Betts & Co., Hartford, seem to have been written to compliment each other. The one deals with the achievements of the Republican party, the other aims to set forth what the author considers the errors and failures of the Democratic party.

BUSINESS NOTES.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Edward Cook has retired from the firm of Jansen, McClurg & Co. The style of the firm is unchanged.

EMPORIUM, PA.—M. M. Larabee, bookseller, stationer, etc., was burned out on August 2. Loss, \$2500; partly insured. Mr. Larabee reports: "I am yet in good shape, and will continue business."

IRONTON, O.—J. W. Davidson, bookseller and stationer, has sold out to B. W. (Mrs. J. W.) Davidson.

KINGSTON, Ont.—A. Simmons, bookseller, etc., has been burned out. Partly insured.

LIMA, O.—Rice & Co., booksellers and stationers, have sold out to William Rice.

NEW YORK CITY.—Mr. Theodore Roosevelt has recently become a silent partner in the firm of G. P. Putnam's Sons, Mr. Folsom, so long known in connection with that house, having resigned.

OMAHA, NEB.—H. Schonfeld, of the Anti-quarian Bookstore, has sold out his business to the Omaha Publishing Co., which will continue it on the same basis.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.—Rivers Brothers, booksellers and stationers, have sold their book and stationery interests to C. H. Parsons & Co.

SHREVEPORT, LA.—Landrum & McCants, booksellers, stationers, etc., have dissolved partnership.

WATERBURY, CONN.—W. O. Guilford, bookseller and stationer, has admitted A. A. Tyrrell to partnership, and the new firm will do business under the style of W. O. Guilford & Co.

WEEKLY RECORD OF NEW PUBLICATIONS.*

The abbreviations are usually self-explanatory. A colon after initial designates the most usual given name as: A: Augustus; B: Benjamin; C: Charles; D: David; E: Edward; F: Frederic; G: George; H: Henry; I: Isaac; J: John; L: Lewis; N: Nicholas; P: Peter; R: Richard; S: Samuel; T: Thomas; W: William. Sizes are designated as follows: F. (folio: over 30 centimeters high); Q. (4to: under 30 cm.); O. (8vo: 25 cm.); D. (12mo: 20 cm.); S. (16mo: 17½ cm.); T. (24mo: 15 cm.); Tt. (32mo: 12½ cm.); Fe. (48mo: 10 cm.). Sq., obli., nar., designate square, oblong, narrow books of these heights.

***American** (The) decisions, cont. the cases of general value and authority decided in the courts of the several States comp. and annotated by A. C. Freeman. V. 54 [1849-52.] San Francisco, A. L. Bancroft & Co., 1884. 867 p. O. shp., \$6.

***Baldwin**, H: The orchids of New England: popular monograph with il. mostly drawn from nature. N. Y., J. Wiley & Sons, 1884. O. cl., \$2.50.

***Bergen**, Jos. V., jr. and Fanny. The development theory: the study of evolution simplified for general readers. Bost., Lee & Shepard, 1884. S. cl., \$1.25.

***Billings**, J: S., M.D. The principles of ventilation and heating, and their practical application. N. Y., The Sanitary Engineer, 1884. \$3.

***Boutwell**, G: S. Why I am a Republican: a history of the Republican party, a defence of its policy, and the reasons which justify its continuance in power; with biographical sketches of the Republican candidates. Hartford, Ct., W: J. Betts & Co., 1884. 195+52 p. S. cl., \$1.25.

***Central** (The) law journal. Elisha Greenwood, ed. V. 18. January to June, 1884. St. Louis, W: H. Stevenson, 1884. 10+520 p. O. pap., 8½", \$5.

***Child**, Francis Ja., ed. The English and Scottish popular ballads. Pt. 2. Bost., Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1884. 251 p. O. cl., \$5.

Clay, Bertha M. A broken wedding-ring. N. Y., J. S. Ogilvie & Co. [1884]. 344 p. D. cl. \$1.; pap., 50 c.

Congregational S. S. and Pub. Soc. Fifty-second Annual Report; presented at the annual meeting, May 27th, 1884. Bost., Congregational S. S. and Pub. Soc., 1884. 44 p. O. pap.

Contains a good list (15 p.) of books in theological and general literature, important for missionaries and young ministers in beginning a library.

***Dick's** games of patience; or, solitaire with cards. New ed. rev. and enl., containing 64 games and 50 tableaux. N. Y., Dick & Fitzgerald, 1884. Il. D. cl., \$1.; bds., 75 c.

Elmore, Wess (pseud.). The political biography of the Hon. Sylvester MacFinnegan, a man of high renown; il. by Frank Bellew and Chip. N. Y., Brentano Bros., 1884. 65 p. il. D. pap., 50 c.

Satirical account of the career of an Irish Democrat who runs for the Assembly and various other political offices, and finally comes to grief.

Ewing, Mrs. J. H. Jackanapes: a story; il. by Randolph Caldecott. Bost., Roberts Bros., 1884. S. pap., 30 c.

See notice "Weekly Record," P. W. Dec. 22, '83 [622].

***Fawcett**, Edgar. Song and story: later

poems. Bost., Ja. R. Osgood & Co., 1884. D. cl., \$1.50.

***Federal** (The) reporter. V. 19. Cases in the circuit and district courts of the United States. Feb.-May, 1884. Robt. Desty, ed. St. Paul, West Pub. Co., 1884. 38+1003 p. O. pap., subs., \$5.

Fry, Ja. B. McDowell and Tyler in the campaign of Bull Run, 1861. N. Y., D. Van Nostrand, 1884. 63 p. map, D. flex. cl., \$1.25. The avowed object of this little book, written by Gen. McDowell's Adj't-General, is to correct some errors and misstatements reflecting upon the military reputation of Gen. McDowell made in an account of the battle of Bull Run (1861), published recently in a memorial volume of the late Gen. Daniel Tyler, who was second in command under Gen. McDowell in that campaign.

Gardiner, Cecilia A. Light ahead. N. Y., Phillips & Hunt, 1884. 443 p. D. cl., \$1.25.

Scene laid in New York City. Rich to-day, poor to-morrow and *vice versa* seems to be the keynote of a story told in a diffuse manner. Through all "the changes of this fiftful life," the heroes and heroines keep a keen lookout for the "light ahead." Suitable for girls from twelve to fourteen.

Gilbert, W. S. The "Bab" ballads: much sound and little sense; with 115 il. by the author [Complete ed.] N. Y., G: Routledge & Sons, [1884]. 5-309 p. il. D. cl., \$1.25.

An attractive edition with the original illustrations; includes the "Bab ballads" and "More Bab ballads."

Grant, Rob., O'Reilly, J: Boyle, Stimson, F: J., ["J. S. of Dale"] and Wheelwright, J: T. The king's men: a tale of to-morrow. N. Y., C: Scribner's Sons, 1884. 4+270 p. S. cl., \$1.25.

England two hundred years hence is the scene of this very ingenious story. Monarchy is depicted as overthrown, the King, George the Fifth being in exile in America, and Great Britain a republican government with Richard Lincoln as President. This is the background of a most romantic series of incidents, love episodes, conspiracies by the Royalists and so on. Although one might easily be led to suppose from the title and the authors' names that the book was a humorous one, it is not, except as far as humor lies in the odd combination of people and incidents, and in the satire of the whole conception of the work.

Handbuch zum Gebrauch für Freie Evangelische Congregational-Gemeinden. Bost., Congregational S. S. and Pub. Soc., 1884. 3-41 p. S. pap., 10 c.

Compiled from Dexter's and Roy's hand-books, Punchard's "View of Congregationalism," and other sources, by Rev. Mortimer Blake, and translated into German, at the request of the First General Assembly of German Congregationalists, by the Revs. Geo. E. Albrecht, H. E. Schneider, and E. Jose, a committee appointed for that purpose.

Hanson, W: The fallacies in "Progress and poverty," in H: Dunning Macleod's "Economics," and in "Social Problems;" [also] The ethics of protection and free trade, and the industrial problem considered *a priori*. N. Y., Fowler & Wells Co., 1884. 191 p. D. cl., \$1.

Four papers: the first two being antagonistic reviews of the principles set forth in the books mentioned; the third is a "review of the principles of the two great parties that stand arrayed against each other on the tariff question;"

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the fourth "looks into the essential merits of the subject, that has to some extent been considered in the preceding essays."

Harte, Bret. On the frontier. Bost., Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1884. 2-288 p. T. cl., \$1.
Contains: At the Mission of San Carmel; A blue grass Penelope; Left out on Lone Star Mountain. Three stories of California of some twenty or thirty years ago, written in Bret Harte's most popular vein.

***Iowa. Supreme court. Reports.** E. C. Ebersole, rep. v. 3., being v. 61 of the series. [April, June, Sept. and Oct. terms, 1883.] N. Y. and Alb., Banks & Bros., 1884. 834 p. O. shp., \$5.

Kleiner biblischer Katechismus für Deutsche Congregationalisten. Bost., Congregational S. S. and Pub. Soc., 1884. 16 p. Tt., pap., 3 c.

The biblical plan of salvation in the form of questions and answers quoted verbatim from the Bible, with chapter and verse added to each text.

***McClure, J. B.** Blaine and Logan. [Sketch of life.] Chic., Rhodes & McClure, 1884. 270 p. S. pap., 35 c.

***McPherson, E. ed.** McPherson's hand-book of politics for 1884. Wash., D. C., Ja. J. Chapman, 1884. 230 p. O. cl., \$2.

***Maguire, E.** The attack and defence of coast fortifications. N. Y., D. Van Nostrand, 1884. 11. and map, O. cl., \$2.50.

Miller, Mrs. Alex. McVeigh. Lancaster's choice. N. Y., G. Munro, 1884. 25 p. Q. (Seaside lib., no. 1867) pap., 10 c.

***Missouri. Supreme Court. Reports.** T. K. Skinker, State rep. v. 78 [Apr. and Oct. terms, 1883.] Kansas City, Ramsey, Millett & Hudson, 1884. 768 p. O. shp., \$4.

New York City. Court of Common Pleas. Reports. By C. P. Daly. V. 10 [Jan. 1878-April 1884.] N. Y. and Alb., Banks & Bros., 1884. 9+596 p. O. shp., \$6.

***Norcross, Jonathan.** The history of Democracy considered as a party name and as a political organization. N. Y., published for the author by G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1884. O. pap., 40 c.

Norris, W. E. Matrimony: a novel. N. Y., Harper, 1884. 95 p. Q. (Harper's Franklin sq. lib., no. 390) pap., 20 c.
See notice "Weekly Record" P. W., May 14, '81 [487].

Ogilvie, J. S., comp. Ogilvie's handy book of useful information and statistical tables of practical value: a universal hand-book for ready reference. N. Y., J. S. Ogilvie & Co., [1884.] 3-128 p. D. (People's lib., no. 363), cl., 50 c; pap., 20 c.

Contains a compilation of facts for reference on various subjects, "being an epitome of matters historical, statistical, biographical, political, geographical and of general interest."

Pitman, Mrs. E. R. Elizabeth Fry. Bost., Roberts Bros., 1884. 5+269 p. S. (Famous women ser.), cl., \$1.

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***Ramsdell, H. J., and Poore; Ben Perley.** Life of James G. Blaine and life of John A.

Logan. Phil., Hubbard Bros. 1884. 650 p. D. cl., \$2.

Reinhard, A. An essay on the neglect of bodily development of American youth; dedicated to teachers, parents, and all friends of education. Published under the auspices of the Turn-Verein. Syracuse, N. Y., C. W. Bardeen, 1884. 15 p. O. pap., 25 c.

***Reporter (The):** cont. decisions of the supreme and circuit courts of the United States, courts of last resort in the several States, and English and Irish courts. Howard Ellis, ed. V. 17. Jan.-June, 1884. Bost., Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1884. 9+862 p. O. pap., subs., \$5.

Rockwell, Reese. A golden inheritance. N. Y., Phillips & Hunt, 1884. 340 p. D. cl., \$1.25.

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Smith, Julia B. One little rebel. N. Y., Phillips & Hunt, 1884. 316 p. il. S. cl., \$1.

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***Spaulding, G. W.** A treatise on the public land system of the United States. With reference to the land laws, rulings of the departments at Washington, and decisions of courts, and an appendix of forms. San Francisco, A. L. Bancroft & Co., 1884. 33+523 p. O. shp., \$5.

Taylor, Jane and Ann. Tales, essays and poems; with a memoir by Grace A. Oliver. Bost., Roberts Bros., 1884. 78+330 p. S. (Classic tales), cl., \$1.

A new edition in excellent type of a collection of prose and poetry for the young, that no library should be without. Miss Oliver's introductory biography tells very pleasantly and succinctly the story of the two authors' lives.

Temple, G. Lancelot Ward, M. P.: a love story. N. Y., G. Munro, 1884. 38 p. Q. (Seaside lib., no. 1864), pap., 20 c.

Tennyson, Alfred (Lord). The princess: a medley; edited with notes by W. J. Rolfe. [Students' ed.] Bost., Ja. R. Osgood & Co., 1885. [1884.] 7+182 p. il. sq. S. flex. cl., 75 c.

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***Totten, C. A. L.** An important question in metrology, based upon recent and original discoveries: a challenge to the metric system, and an earnest word with the English-speaking peoples on these ancient weights and measures. N. Y., J. Wiley & Sons, 1884. Diagrams, O. cl., \$2.50.

Turgenev, Ivan S. *Annouchka*: a tale; from the French of the author's own translation by Franklin Abbott. Bost., Cupples, Upham & Co., 1884. 2+III p. D. cl., \$1.

A little love episode in a young man's life; the hero, a Russian, travelling on the Rhine, tells his own story; he meets by accident another Russian and his half-sister Annouchka, and forms an intimacy with them. There are only these three characters, but the author succeeds in evolving a graceful, pathetic story.

***Virginia.** Acts and joint resolutions passed by the general assembly of the State of Virginia during the session of 1883-84. Richmond, R. U. Derr, Supt. of Pub. print., 1884. 821 p. O. hf. shp., \$2.

***West Virginia.** *Supreme Court.* Digest of reports. 1863-82. By Everett W. Bedinger. San Francisco, A. L. Bancroft & Co., 1884. 603 p. O. shp., \$6.

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PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry.

The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries" thankfully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

"Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto."—LORD BACON.

MORE POST-OFFICE RED-TAPE.

OUR vigorous correspondent who keeps two sharp eyes wide open in the interests of the trade and the public, to the alterations of the Post-Office Department, points out elsewhere the latest development of red-tape on the part of these servants of the people. The law on which the recent decision of the Postmaster-General is based, was intended to extend certain privileges, and lower certain rates, and as the publisher of a periodical had a right to send his own periodical through the post at two cents per pound, he was expressly excepted from this law, lest it might seem to conflict with and limit his privileges under the old law. The decision, whether by careless use of words or purposed intention, actually prohibits say the publisher of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY from mailing a copy of the New York Herald for one cent for four ounces, although any other citizen who is not a publisher or a news agent may do so. This is so entirely silly that we are inclined to think the writer of the decision was careless in his use of words. The Postmaster-General should in that case revise the wording.

The other instance of red-tape referred to is not a new one, but it ought even at this late day to be reformed. The spirit of the law is that no individual communication should accompany fourth-class matter. But it provided that "Upon any fourth-class package the sender may write his name and address with the word 'from,' and may write the number (quantity) and names of the articles inclosed; and may also write, on a tag or label attached, a mark, number, name, or letter, for purpose of identification." The Department saw a chance for red-tape in the words "a" and "or," and it made the most of its opportunity. The following is its ruling: "It will be observed that what may be written upon the tag is simply 'a mark,

number, name, or letter,' not to tell the width or price, but to identify the article. But should there be two numbers or two letters, or a number and a letter, or a name and a number or letter, it would not be entitled to pass as fourth-class matter. In other words, the conjunction 'or,' as employed in the statute, restricts that which may be written to one thing, be it mark, number, name, or letter."

This is as excellent a quality of red-tape as can be manufactured. The Post-Office Department has made great progress within a few years past, but there is constantly evident a tendency of reaction against the interests of the public. This tendency ought to be resisted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

POST-OFFICE AMENITIES.

NEW YORK, August 8, 1884.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

SOME of us from our past experiences have ceased to be very much surprised at anything that comes from the Post-Office Department, either in the way of blundering or hair-splitting; but some recent efforts go so far in advance of their previous exploits as to really deserve public notice.

June 9, 1883, an Act of Congress was approved providing that "the rate of postage on newspaper and periodical publications of the second class, when sent by others than the publisher or news agent, shall be one cent for each four ounces or fractional part thereof," etc.

Now to a common mind this law would be plain enough, showing that the special publisher of any particular paper was exempted from this law because he was already provided with a rate one half that in the present law, or two cents per pound.

On the 27th of June, 1884, an order was issued by the Postmaster-General (see *Postal Guide* for July, page 8), entirely changing, annulling, and overriding the law of Congress, and preventing ALL "publishers and news agents" from availing themselves of this law, simply and solely on the ground of their occupation!!

And not content with doing this he expressly says "This act in nowise enlarges the rights of publishers and news agents;" and again "All persons not of these classes are entitled to send through the mails, without regard to place of mailing, destination, or distance, newspapers and periodical publications of the second class, weighing not more than four ounces, by affixing thereto a one-cent postage-stamp."

You will observe that the Postmaster-General, in his wisdom, expressly exempts from the operation of the law two classes of citizens, so that no person belonging to either of the proscribed classes can send any transient newspaper or periodical through the mail unless he or they pay postage thereon according to the old law at the rate of one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof.

This order is made by Judge Gresham in the face of a decision of the Supreme Court "that all the citizens of the United States have a constitutional right to equal participation in the

benefits of legislation and the use of any instrumentality created by it, unless the exclusion be imposed by way of punishment for crime, and then after due conviction only, and that any condition destructive of this equality is repugnant to the spirit of the constitution." And this decision he should have known, as it was rendered against one of his own predecessors in office.

Do you ask how this order is to be enforced by postmasters throughout the land? I can only say I do not know unless they call up every man wishing to mail a paper and put him under oath as to whether he is a publisher or news agent!!

Now for a case of "hair-splitting." The law provides that on merchandise the sender "may also write, on a tag or label attached, a mark, number, name, or letter, for purpose of identification." Now the ruling is that if you *write* more than *one* thing, be it mark, number, name, or letter, it will subject the whole parcel to letter postage; but you can stamp or print "prices, sizes, different numbers, marks, letters," as many as you please without affecting the rate of postage.

In closing let me suggest that those of us who belong to the proscribed classes shall daily join in the refrain: "Great is Red-Tape, and the Post-Office Department is its Prophet!" S.

POPULARITY NOT A TEST OF MERIT.

From the Critic.

A BEWILDERING array of figures has lately been going the rounds of the press, in the shape of estimates of the probable circulation of Mr. Blaine's book and of the author's supposititious profits—figures which have attained such proportions under the manipulation of the "arithmetic men" of the press, that they approach the sarcastic estimate of a humorous journal, that the book would have a sale of five million copies and that Mr. Blaine's profits would be about twenty-five million dollars. The work, however, will have a large sale, for almost any subscription-book is reasonably certain of a wide circulation. The book-agent is irresistible. Some of the statistics of his conquering career are simply amazing. The late Albert D. Richardson, for instance, was one of the most popular of American authors, if the sale of books is the criterion of popularity, for two of his works, "Field, Dungeon and Escape," and "Beyond the Mississippi," had a circulation of 255,000 copies. Matthew Hale Smith's "Sunshine and Shadow" sold to the extent of 100,000 copies. J. T. Headley's "History of the Civil War" found 150,000 purchasers. Fifty-five thousand copies were sold of "Knots Untied," a detective book; and like figures might be given by the column. And yet, of the long list of subscription-books, very few are of any permanent value, and fewer still belong at all to literature, in the real significance of the word. They are written and published "for revenue only." But they attain a circulation that is seldom reached through the regular trade. The most popular American novelist in the commercial sense is, perhaps, the Rev. E. P. Roe, and the first editions of his later novels have consisted of 25,000 copies—a most respectable number, but almost insignificant when compared with the figures of the subscription-books. And with what contempt would a publisher in that department look

upon the 12,500 copies which constituted the first edition of Mr. Crawford's latest novel! The fact is, and it is perhaps a rather consoling fact, the immediate popularity of a book has no necessary connection with its permanent value. Thus one of the most popular writers of our green and salad days was Mistress Fanny Fern. Her "Fern Leaves" had a sale of nearly 100,000 copies, her "Ruth Hall" of 55,000, and her "Shady Side" of 46,000. Few books of their day equalled them in popularity. But where, oh! where are they to-day? Out of print and out of remembrance, every one of them. Another famous literary woman of a generation ago was Fanny Forester—in those days our literature was prolific in Fanny Ferns and Fanny Foresters and Minnie Myrtles—whose collected writings, in a two-volume edition bearing the title of "Alderbrook," had a sale of 33,000 copies; and the biography of the amiable writer found 15,000 purchasers. Still another widely-known writer was Miss Cummins, whose "Lamp-lighter" had a circulation of nearly or quite 100,000. Our fathers regarded "Doesticks" as funny—and so he was, more or less—and bought 77,000 copies of his books; and, to offset the account, probably, they purchased 55,000 copies of that exhilarating work, Benton's "Thirty Years' View," and 145,000 of Kane's "Arctic Explorations." To come down to later times, American readers have recovered from the Muhlback craze, just as people recover from the measles; but while the attack was at the height of its virulence, it was very acute indeed. The writer lost track of the Muhlback series at the sixteenth volume, but up to that point it had enjoyed a sale of 240,000 volumes, and the aggregate circulation must have been something astounding.

Figures to the purpose might be multiplied almost indefinitely, but perhaps enough have been given to point the moral. The gods of the hills are not the gods of the valleys. The literature of one generation suffers hardly at the hands of the next. And the stamp of popular approval is by no means the stamp of merit.

OBITUARY.

JOSEPH WILLIAM JENKS.

PROFESSOR JOSEPH WILLIAM JENKS died recently at Newtonville, Mass. at the age of seventy-six. Prof. Jenks was a linguist of rare ability, a graduate of Amherst College and also of the Royal School of Languages, Paris. He was one of the editors of "The Comprehensive Commentary of the Bible," his practical knowledge of thirty languages specially fitting him for the work. He was a life member of the American Oriental Society, furnishing valuable contributions to its literature and much material for its discussions. He was born at Bath, Me., in 1808.

JOHN B. BANGS.

JOHN B. BANGS, partner in the oldest business house in Louisville, Ky., that of John P. Morton & Co., died on the morning of August 2, after a short illness. He was born in New York in 1836, studied at Columbia College, and entered the establishment of Bangs, Merwin & Co., wholesale book merchants, in New York, his uncle being head of that firm. Here he made the acquaintance of John P. Morton, and went into his house in Louisville as book-keeper in 1859. He displayed great busi-

ness tact, and became Mr. Morton's confidential adviser. In 1863 he was admitted to partnership, and since then the financial affairs of the firm were under his special direction. Mr. Bangs became a prominent citizen of Louisville, was director of the Short Line Railroad, President of the Louisville Lithographing Co., director of the Masonic Savings Bank, and held several other positions of trust. In 1863 Mr. Bangs married Miss Kendrick, of Louisville, and his home life was particularly happy. His wife, three daughters, and a young son survive him. The cause of his death was idiopathic peritonitis.

BOOKSELLERS' AND STATIONERS' PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION.

At a regular meeting of the Booksellers' and Stationers' Association, held on July 30, the following gentlemen were elected members of the association:

George Wellbrook.
W. R. Ryers.
W. W. Pittman.
Walter Henry Keen.
James F. Bowerman.
Edward Dekum, Portland, Oregon.
Charles William Rhoades, Chicago.
Adam Mackay, Chicago.
W. B. Howland, Chicago.
J. E. Howland, Chicago.

If the members of the association would be kind enough to send in their assessments immediately upon receipt of the notice, they would save the secretary considerable trouble. It takes no more time to mail the money at once than to put the matter off until a more convenient season—which never comes.

The association wants one hundred and fifty members to fill the roll. If each member already enrolled would induce a friend to join, the association would be overflowing. Take a hand in the work yourself, and do not look to the trustees to do all the labor.

ANDREW GEYER, Sec'y.

NOTES ON AUTHORS.

MISS KATE SANBORN has compiled a volume of the "Wit and Humor of American Women."

PHILIP GILBERT HAMERTON is getting ready for publication a richly illustrated volume on "Landscape."

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER will furnish an article on "Christmas" for the Christmas number of *Harper's Monthly*.

ALGERNON C. SWINBURNE has written a little poem which he calls "A Ballad of Sark" for the August *English Illustrated Magazine*.

MRS. HAWEIS, the wife of the well-known clergyman and author, has just published a birthday-book compiled from proverbs by Chaucer. She calls the volume "Chaucer's Beads."

MISS MARY L. BOOTH, the accomplished editor of *Harper's Bazar*, is translating the later fairy tales of Laboulaye. They will be published in a handsomely illustrated volume by Harper & Bros.

GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND is at work on a new novel, which will probably be called "Katy of Catocton." His latest work, "The Entailed Hat," is having quite a remarkable sale in the West.

COTTER MORISON is writing a book called "The Service of Man as Distinguished from the Service of God." Mr. Morison is the author of several of the ablest volumes in the *English Men of Letters* series.

W. D. HOWELLS, who has already utilized the unromantic "register" and "parlor car" in his short stories, as mediums in developing a plot, proposes to make a similar use of the "elevator" in a farce he is writing for the Christmas number of *Harper's Magazine*.

JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE *Literary World* of Aug. 9 is a "novel" number, being almost exclusively devoted to reviews of current fiction.

THE most notable feature of the *Library Journal* for July is the prospectus of the proposed School of Library Economy at Columbia College, by Melvil Dewey, which makes an article of several pages.

Shakespeariana for this month contains studies of the characters of "Lady Macbeth" and "Constance," the former by E. S. Emery, the latter, which begins a series, by Margaret Isabella Tucker.

AN illustrated paper on "A Corner of the Gulf of Mexico," by a New Orleans merchant, in the September *Manhattan*, will treat of a portion of the United States almost wholly unknown to Northerners.

THE *New York Times* is responsible for the information that "Mr. Murat Halsted, editor of the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*, is about to establish a new evening paper in this city, the principal feature of which will be the advocacy of Blaine for the Presidency."

THE first issue of the "second series" of *The Studio*, edited by Clarence Cook and published by Gaston L. Feuardent at No. 30 Lafayette Place, is under date of August 2. Mr. Cook contributes a promising salutatory and some interesting criticisms of the statues recently unveiled in this city and Hartford. *The Studio* will be published fortnightly except in the months of July and August.

THE September *Century* will contain two interesting articles by Philadelphians. The one a curious paper on the "Legends of the Passamaquoddy," by Charles G. Leland, the result of many years' study by the author of the legends of the Algonkin Indians, will be illustrated by drawings on birch bark, by a Quadi Indian. The other, an anecdotal paper of the tricycling order, by Joseph Pennell, an expert and enthusiastic wheelman, records with the assistance of a wealth of illustrations the incidents of a journey from Coventry to Chester.

WITH the July number the *Art Age* enters into its second year and increases its subscription price from one dollar to two dollars a year. It has been so improved and enlarged during its brief career, that it is fully justified in doubling its subscription. Mr. Arthur B. Turnure, its careful editor (and proprietor), in graceful acknowledgments for past favors says: "Possibly in fulfilling the purpose of the *Art Age*, it may be advisable to add a department of pure art as distinguished from applied—giving examples of easel work and notes from the studios. Should this be found desirable, due notice of the addition will be made."

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

MACMILLAN & Co. announce an "Autobiography of Hector Berlioz."

GENERAL GORDON'S "Letters from the Crimea" has gone into the second edition in London.

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS have recently published for the author, Mr. Jonathan Norcross, "The History of Democracy."

THOMAS WHITTAKER announces a new edition of Andrew Jukes's "Mystery of the Kingdom," which is now out of print.

F. MARION CRAWFORD'S "Dr. Claudius" has begun to appear in a French translation as a feuilleton in the *Indépendance Belge*.

D. L. GUERNSAY, Boston, has published in a 16mo volume "The Words of James G. Blaine on the Issues of the Day," edited by Walter S. Vail.

THAYER, MERRIAM & Co. have just published "An American's Career and Its Triumph," being "The Life and Public Services of James G. Blaine with the Facts in the Career of John A. Logan," by William Ralston Balch.

DODD, MEAD & Co., will publish in the fall a history of the Huguenot emigration to, and colonization in America, by the Rev. Dr. Baird, of Rye, a brother of Prof. Baird, the author of "The Rise of the Huguenots of France."

N. TIBBALS & SONS have just published two poetical works by James A. Whitney, LL.D., entitled "Shobab, a tale of Bethesda," and "Sonnets and Lyrics." The works are issued separately and also together in one volume.

THE Occidental Publishing Co., San Francisco, makes another addition to campaign biographies in "Life and Public Services of James G. Blaine, with a Sketch of the Life of John A. Logan," by John Clark Ridpath, just published.

FUNK & WAGNALLS will soon issue "Ten Years a Police-Court Judge," written by a judge in one of our Eastern courts, who conceals his identity under the pseudonym of "Judge Wiggle." The book will be published in the *Standard Library*.

ROBERTS BROS. have in preparation a finely illustrated edition of "The Loving Ballad of Lord Bateman," illustrated by George Cruikshank, an epic poem which originally appeared in the earlier editions of Dickens, but which Cruikshank claims to have written.

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS are preparing an *édition de luxe* of Edmondo De Amicis's "Holland," and also propose publishing at once in their *Transatlantic* series Oswald Crawford's clever novel, "The World We Live In." In their *Knickerbocker Novels*, the next volume will be "The Bassett Claim," by Henry R. Elliott.

"THE ART OF FICTION" an essay first delivered as a lecture by Walter Besant at the Royal Institution, London, April 25, will be brought out shortly in book form by Cupples, Upham & Co. The *Literary World* says, "The essay takes a high view of fiction as an art, claiming for it a place on a level with painting, sculpture, music, and poetry."

ROBERTS BROS. announce "Human Intercourse," by Philip Gilbert Hamerton; "Almost a Duchess," volume seven of the third series of "No Names;" "Euphorion," Studies of the

Antique and the Mediæval in the Renaissance, by Vernon Lee; "Days and Hours in a Garden," by Mrs. E. V. Boyle; "A Sea Change," a story by Flora L. Shaw; and an edition of "Tip Cat," by the author of "Miss Toosey's Mission."

RAND, McNALLY & Co. are publishing an official report of the proceedings of the Republican National Convention, held in Chicago, Ill., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 3, 4, 5, and 6. It will be the only official report published, and will contain every speech, resolution, motion, and every ballot in detail. It will be an octavo of about 200 pages—a limited edition only being promised.

E. H. BUTLER & Co. will soon have ready Bingham's "Latin Grammar," revised by Prof. W. Gordon McCabe, and will add to their Butler's series of educational books a new "Reading Chart" and "Chart Primer." They call the attention of the trade to the reduction in prices that have been made in Mitchell's "New Series of Geographies," "New American Pronouncing Speller," and "New American Graded Problems in Arithmetic and Mensuration."

SCRIBNER & WELFORD will publish in September, John Ingram's new edition of Poe's Tales and Poems. The edition will contain some new poems and a fragment, "The Journal of Julius Rodman," never included in any previous collections of Poe's works. Mr. Ingram's furnishes a biographical essay, and the volumes (4) will be illustrated with fourteen etchings, three photogravures, and a portrait newly etched from a daguerreotype said to be exceedingly life-like.

SAMUEL CARSON & Co. have almost ready "A California Pilgrimage, told in verse by one of the Pilgrims," a publication commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of the founder of missions in California, Padre Junípero Serra. This work does not purport to be a history of missions, but only what the title implies—a visit to the old shrines. To local descriptions and legends are added such allusions to familiar events of mission history as seemed desirable.

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co. have issued in a little twenty-four page pamphlet, "A List of Books for Summer Reading." The title-page bears this motto in old English:

O for a Booke and a shadie nooke, eyther in-a-doere or out:	Where I maie Reade all at my ease, both of the Newe and Olde;
With the grene leaves whis- p'ring overhede or the Streete cryes all about.	For a jollie good Booke whereon to looke, is better to me than Golde.

"THE bibliography of Ptolemy's geography," says *Science*, "which Mr. Justin Winsor has been printing by instalments in the Harvard University *Bulletin*, has been issued separately, in advance of its completion in the *Bulletin*, and forms an interesting contribution (forty-two pages) to historical geography. It is particularly valuable for the information it gives regarding the early cartography of America, and the ante-Columbian views of the ocean west of Europe. Much collateral matter serves to elucidate the subject. The name 'America' appears for the first time on a Ptolemaic map in 1522; but reasons are given for believing that it occurred in print or in manuscript as early as 1513-15. It appears that copies of the 1478 edition have

been sold at eighty, ninety, and a hundred pounds."

THE American Sunday-School Union have in press a third and revised edition of Schaff's "Dictionary of the Bible," amended and corrected so as to embody the most recent results of the Palestine investigations. This edition will be much larger and thicker than the former. The retail price will be reduced to \$2, and instead of the close discount which has heretofore been given, the usual liberal discounts will be given to the trade. "Wee Davie," by Norman Macleod, is in press, and will contain an introductory letter by his brother, stating the circumstances under which the story was written. They will soon have ready "Views of Heaven," handsomely bound in choice and appropriate covers, and also "The Scholars' Hand-book on the International Lessons for 1885."

"ALBERT R. FREY, of the Astor Library, New York, has in course of publication," says the *Chicago Inter-Ocean*, "a very comprehensive dictionary of pseudonyms. It embraces between 14,000 and 15,000 titles, and aims to give, so far as known, the false names under which American, English, French, German, Dutch, and Spanish authors have written. The work is the first important attempt made to gather and set forth in English these literary masks, and is believed to constitute, as it stands, quite the fullest dictionary of pseudonyms in any language. The authors' names are given in full under all the disguises which they may have used, and cross-references are invariably made from the pseudonym to the genuine name, under which are given the dates of the writer's birth and death, and a representative literary per-

formance." The title of the work will be 'Masques, a Dictionary of Literary Disguises.'

SAMPSON LOW & Co., London, will publish probably in October, the Rev. Stuart J. Reid's sketch of the "Life and Times of Sydney Smith." "This biography which is based on family documents and the recollections of personal friends, will contain," we learn from the *Academy*, "more than fifty letters of Sydney Smith's, and several essays and poems, hitherto unpublished, besides a considerable amount of fresh information as to his life at Nether Avon, Edinburgh, Foston, and Combe-Florey. Among the illustrations will be a portrait of Sydney Smith, engraved on steel, from a miniature in ivory, the property of his granddaughter, Miss Holland."

MR. MACFIE, of Dreghorn Castle, Colinton, Edinburgh, desires to inform librarians that he is willing, upon receipt of postage, to dispatch to public institutions copies of "Copyright and Patents," a work of 1118 pages, bound in two volumes. It gives an accurate history of the nature and history of the claims of authors for right of possession in their printed works. In order that the postage may be estimated, Mr. Macfie states that vol. I. weighs 20 ounces, and vol. II. a little less than 30 ounces. Mr. Macfie is also ready to receive orders from directors of missionary societies for copies of the Anti-Nicene Christian Library, 24 volumes, to be used in their stations outside of Great Britain and the United States. The publishers, Messrs. T. & T. Clark, agree to fill any orders coming from an important station on application at their office, 38 George Street, Edinburgh.

BOOKS WANTED.

Under the heading "Books Wanted," subscribers are entitled to a free insertion of five lines, exclusive of address, in each issue. Repeated matter, however, must be charged for at the rate of 10 cents per line.

Copy for this Department must reach us Wednesday Evening to be in time for insertion in same week's issue.

It is desirable to receive copy in shape ready for the printer, viz.: first, headline—name and address—then, titles in separate lines (see below), all written on detached slips, or at the bottom of letter, or on postal card. Compliance with this request will secure accurate and prompt insertion.

In answering, please state edition, condition, and price.

G. W. BALDWIN, SAN ANTONIA, TEXAS.

The Howard Queen, written by Edmund Flogg, U. S. Consul at Venice 1830. Printed in St. Louis in 1840.

W. E. BENJAMIN, 744 BROADWAY, N. Y.

Early editions of Walt Whitman's books.

Good Gray Poet, by W. Douglas O'Conner.

THEO. BERENDSOHN, 86 FULTON ST., N. Y.

On the Sensations of Tone as a Physiological Basis for the Theory of Music, by Dr. H. L. F. Helmholtz. London, about 1873.

Walker, J. B., God revealed in Creation and in Christ.

BRENTANO BROS., CHICAGO, ILL.

A Blessed Ghost.

Syrian Sunshine, by Appleton.

Fourteen Years with Patti.

Dubois, Cosmopolitan Cook Book.

S. E. BRIDGMAN & Co., NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

2 sets Missions in Oregon.

A Defence of Usury, Bentham.

American Republic: Its Tendencies and Destiny. O. A. Brownson.

Louisiana, by Father Hennepin.

Light, Le Conté

Lange, Distillation of Coal Tar.

Everett's Unity of Physical Constants.

J. K. BURKE, POWER'S HOTEL BLOCK, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Three Years in the Sixth Corps, by Geo. F. Stevens.

DeLethe in the Gateway of Nations.

Waller's Poems.

Theosophical Miscellany No. 2, pubd. by *Banner of Light*.

Paradox of the Higher Science.

Rosy Cross, by F. B. Doud.

Hargrave Jennings's Rosicrucians.

The Moon Hoax.

ROB. CLARKE & Co., CINN.

The Nemesis of Faith, by Froude.

Wilkyn's Elements of Astronomy, published about 1822.

Sporting Scenes and Sundry Sketches, by J. Cypress, Jr.

2 vols. N. Y. 1842.

A. Metz. The Anatomy and Histology of the Human Eye.

CUPPLES, UPHAM & Co., BOSTON, MASS.

Social Life in Washington under Washington's two administrations—new book. Query, correct title?

Ivy Leaves (Poems). Lippincott, 1873.

Shakespearian (Magazine N. Y.) for January.

MELVIL DEWEY, COLUMBIA COLLEGE, N. Y.

Literature of Political Economy. L. 1845. O.

DEWITT, 33 ROSE ST., N. Y.

Copies of the *Art Journal* (London) for May, 1855; March, 1863; Jan., 1860. Also Jan., Feb., March, April, June, Nov. and Dec., 1870.

M. H. DICKINSON, 620 MAIN ST., KANSAS CITY, MO.

Afloat and Ashore. Townsend Ed. 1859. Darley's Ills.

Donald Fraser's Lectures on the Bible.

Spiritual Delusions, by Lum.

Spiritualism, with God and man against it.

Middle Life; an Exposé of Spiritualism.

Life and Nature in the Tropics, by Myers.

BOOKS WANTED.—Continued.

DODD, MEAD & CO., N. Y.

From Dawn to Noon, Violet Fane, Eng. ed.
 Wheaton's History of the Northmen, London, 1831.
 Life of Cutler (or Charles) Brown, by his son.
 Autographic Edition of Daniel Webster's works.
 Through Auvergne on Foot, by Barker.
 Burden Sanderson's Guide to the Laboratory.
 Sidonia the Sorceress, Eng. Ed.

THOS. W. DURSTON & CO., SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Hoyt's Antiquarian Researches in the Connecticut Valley.
 New England Families. Genealogical Register of First
 Settlers, by Jno. Farmer.
 Potter's Military History of New Hampshire. 2 vols.
 Dwight's Travels in New England.
 History of Amherst, N. H.
 Journal of Major Robert Rogers, by Hough.

ESTES & LAURIAT, BOST.

Harper's Weekly, 1859, nos. 108, 109, 111, 113, 114, 118,
 and 139; also the whole volume.
 Herbert's Travels in the East. London, 1634.
 Doble's Travels in Siberia and China. London, 1823.
 DeGuigne's Voyages in Pekin. Eng. edition, 1809.
 Gilbert's Voyage from New South Wales to Canton, 1789.
 Fulton's Travels and Sketches in India and China, 1840.
 Holman's Travels in China, 1840.
 Cohallaye's An Excursion to Whampoa. Paris, 1844.
 Davidson's Trade and Travel in the Far East, 1847.
 Phillip's The Chinese, 1854.

FLAGLER & CO., POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Vols. 3, 4, 6, Monday Club Sermons.

H. B. HUDSON, BOX 963, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Wood's Library of Standard Medical Authors for 1883,
 12 vs. State condition.

INGHAM, CLARKE & CO., CLEVELAND, O.

Bancroft's U. S. Octavo ed., v. 8.
 Records of Rebellion, vols. 1 and 2.
 Liby U. K. 8° cl., vs. 2, 3, 4, 5.
 Liby U. K. 8° half Russ. 12, 14.

WM. IRVING, 121 FOURTH AVE., N. Y.

Discourses by Alex. J. Scott, M.A. Macmillan & Co., 1866.

KANSAS CITY BOOK AND NEWS CO.

Cary's Political Economy. 3 vols., 1837-40.
 Heeren's Political System Modern Europe. London, 1860.
 Heeren's Historical Researches. London.
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